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Essays and Reviews.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—In your issue of Saturday, the 26th, you state that the Convocation of the Church of England passed a "unanimous censure" on certain Essays and Reviews considered to be subversive both of Christian faith and the foundations of religious belief. You add, "The Essays and Reviews lay it down as a rule that the Bible is to be interpreted like any other book; and if there are contradictions in it, or things opposed to philosophy, they are to be rejected." Are your readers to infer that the Essays and Reviews were censured on account of that rule? I have not read the report of the Convocation, and yet I venture to assert it was not on account of advocating that rule the Essays and Reviews were censured. You must be aware that that is the golden rule of interpretation among Protestants, and to censure it would be virtually to pronounce us all "heretical." "As a general rule" says Dr. Angus, "we are to understand the words of Scripture in their common sense." As all the writers of the Sacred Scriptures wrote or spoke to be understood, we must interpret their language as we interpret the language of common life. "The most illiterate Christian," says Bishop Horsley, "if he can but read his English Bible, and will take the pains to read it in this manner, will not only attain all that practical knowledge which is essential to salvation, but by God's blessing, he will become learned in everything relating to his religion in such a degree that he will not be liable to be misled, either by the refuted arguments or the false assertions of those who endeavor to engraft their own opinions on the oracles of God." Believing that you are anxious to keep your readers well informed, I hope you will insert this note and oblige yours, &c.,

J. HALL.

The reverend writer of the above letter would apparently have it understood that we wanted our readers to believe that the Convocation censured the *Essays & Reviews* for "interpreting the Bible like any other book." We want our readers to understand nothing but a bare recital of facts in the matter. If the Convocation did not censure the *Essays & Reviews* on account of that rule, pray what did they censure for? The writer's quotations don't clear up the matter one whit. But for his information we quote the words of Mr. Jowett. He and Mr. Pattison stand at the head of their respective colleges at Oxford; and Mr. Jowett says: "Interpret the Bible like any other book." Basing their reasoning on this rule, the seven theologians produce a work that the Convocation censures. Pray, what are we to understand when doctors of divinity disagree about their rule of interpretation?

A "settler" in Australia was taken before a justice very drunk, and instead of answering the questions put to him, he persistently spluttered out—"Year Honor is very wise—y-your Honor is very wise." Being unable to get any other answer, the justice ordered him to be locked up till next day, when he was again brought up.

"Why, John," said the justice, "you were as drunk as a beast yesterday. When I asked you any questions the only answer you made me was—'Your Honor's very wise.'" "Did I say so?" quoth the defendant. "Then I must be drunk indeed."

A lady on Mercy bent, was making a visit to the penitentiary, and was permitted to look through the various wards. In one room she saw three women engaged in sewing, and turning to the keeper who was showing her about, she said to him, in an undertone, "Dear me! the most vicious looking women I ever saw in my life! What are they put here for?" "They are here," he replied, "because I am here; they are my wife and daughters, madam!" But madam was traveling out as fast as possible.

Bridget—Can ye give me thim three stamps, I'm axin this hour, Misther?
Clerk (sharply)—Madam, this is not the ladies' window, I've told you so twice before.

Bridget—An' sure, the Lord spare you your health sir, I'm no lady, but a working girl, glad to earn \$6 a month.

"The stamps were handed over."

An old Highland woman whose son-in-law was much addicted to intemperance, lecturing him one day on his misconduct, concluded with the following grave advice: "Man, Ringan, I would like that you would behave yourself, and gather as muckle as would buy you a new suit o' black elaes, for I would like to hear tell o' your being decent at my burial."

[Correspondence of the London Times.]

The Great Defalcation of the Age.

PARIS, Feb. 21—7 A. M.

Neither the Syrian question, nor the fall of Gaeta, nor the American question, nor the Roman question, which is getting worse, nor even M. Lagueronniere's pamphlet, now occupies the attention of the public. Every thing is forgotten in the great event of the day—the arrest and imprisonment of M. Mires, and the consequences which it will probably lead to. On Monday he was transferred to the prison of Mazas, after having been closely watched for some time previous by the agents of the police. The transfer to Mazas, and the commencement of proceedings which will follow, if not arrested by extraordinary agency, were hastened by the strong terms used by him since the first steps were taken against him, some weeks ago. Finding that the protection on which he thought he could rely for a settlement of these complicated transactions would not, or could not, stop investigation, he is said to have used the language of despair, to have bid his prosecutors, or as he would term them, his persecutors, defiance, and to have declared that, if driven to extremity, he would make disclosures of such nature as to implicate persons whose names are not yet known. It is said that these threats were communicated in a letter, after the reception of which all further temporization was, of course, morally impossible and that letter was sent to the proper authority with a peremptory order for M. Mires' arrest and imprisonment, but whether in writing or by word of mouth it is certain that these menaces were repeatedly and publicly uttered. It was yesterday rumored that his arrest was followed by that of several others said to be gravely implicated in the same transactions. The rumor, however, was unfounded. Domiciliary visits took place, and papers were seized.

The *Moniteur* announces to-day the sudden death by apoplexy of the Viscount de Richemont, collector of taxes in Paris. It is reported, however, that he committed suicide, as he had been either threatened with or apprehended arrest. Besides his official employment, M. de Richemont was a member of the committee of superintendence of M. Mires establishment, the *Caisse des Chemins de Fer*. Five or six other persons were expected to be arrested to-day. Nothing is spoken of among high or low, but this catastrophe. It would be affectation to deny that the most painful impression has been produced by it, and people's minds revert to the time of the Teste and Cubieres scandals. There is, perhaps, much exaggeration in what is said about these transactions, and the parties implicated in them; but it is affirmed on all hands that defalcations to a large amount have been discovered in the matter of the Roman railways, and that these defalcations, in all or in part, arise from the large sums paid in gratuities to promote the enterprises in which M. Mires was engaged, or for obtaining important information necessary for their success. Sums varying from £6000 to £20,000 are said to have been disbursed in this way. If M. Mires persists in his menace, that he will not fail without bringing disgrace and ruin on many others, people expect some extraordinary disclosures. One or two persons are said to have managed adroitly enough to get out of these transactions since M. Mires difficulties attracted public notice. It is remarked as strange that, though the public has talked of hardly anything for the last few days but this affair, not a single Paris paper has made the slightest allusion to it. The papers are nearly as silent now as they were on the Turkish loan, beyond publishing the *reclame* in its support.

POLITICAL TROUBLES IN NEWFOUNDLAND. The people of Newfoundland are much troubled about their political affairs. The Governor, Sir Alexander Bannerman, on Feb. 28, had a disagreement with Mr. Kent, the Colonial Secretary, and requested him to resign. He did so, and Mr. Hoyle at once formed a new Ministry. The summary method of changing the Government created much excitement, although many profess to feel no regret at it. One of the charges brought against the old Government is that it has been lax in its efforts to detect and punish criminals. Then, too, it is alleged that it has taken no active measures to repress the disorderly and disgraceful scenes which have continually been occurring in the House. The lie had passed freely between the members of the Government in the course of debates. A local paper describing the scenes on a late occasion says: "Yells, howls, screams, groans, whistling, and the most hideous noises continued for some quarter of an hour. The galleries and approaches were so crowded—the mass was so dense—and the roaring so incessant, the Speaker left the chair, the members withdrew, leaving the house in possession of its rightful owners, the people, who most artistically cheered any man whose name occurred to their fancy; the Receiver-General, with waving hat, jovially partaking in the very pleasant and seemingly amusement. Such is our Newfoundland Legislature under the beautiful and appropriate system of self-government, so thoroughly recognized, understood and adopted by the proprietors of 'The People's House.'"—*Halifax Paper*.

Soon after Dr. Porteus, the late Bishop of London, was advanced to the metropolitan see, he went to court, where his Majesty addressed him in French, which the prelate not understanding, the king then spoke to him in Italian, with which language he was like wise unacquainted.

"What, my lord," said the king, "don't you understand the polite languages?" "O, my liege," replied the Bishop, "the acquisition is not necessary, as the devil is as much mortified by a reproof in plain English as in any other dialect."

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lic for these Colonies. ap26 1f

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To Carpenters and Builders.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED UN-
til TUESDAY, the 30th inst., for certain Mason
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and Plumber's Work necessary for the erection of a
Suburban Residence on the South side of James'
Bay.
Tenders will be received either for the whole work
or for the separate trades.
The Drawings and Specifications may be seen at
the Office of the undersigned on and after Saturday,
the 26th inst.
The lowest Tenders will be accepted if otherwise
satisfactory.

WRIGHT & SANDERS,
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THE SUBSCRIBER OFFERS FORTY
Dollars Reward for the recovery of the Trunk
and two Carpet Bags, containing clothes and blan-
kets, stolen from his house on Government street;
or Twenty Dollars Reward will be paid for the arrest
and conviction of the thief.
M. MUNRO, 28*
Victoria, April 11, 1861.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EX-
isting between D. AHLENFELDER and ISAAC
EMANUEL, carrying on business as Grocers on
Government street, is this day dissolved by mutual
consent. All claims against the late firm will be set-
tled by D. Ahlenfelder.

D. AHLENFELDER,
ISAAC EMANUEL.

The business will be continued at the same stand
under the name and style of
M. MORRIS & CO.
ap11 1m
April 14, 1861.

Information Wanted.

INFORMATION WANTED AS TO THE
whereabouts of HORACE HOWE, formerly of
Little Valley, Catt. Co. N. Y., by his daughter, Eliza
M. Howe, who arrived at Portland, Oregon, on the
Steamship "Pacific," on Friday, March 20th,
1861. He will find a letter from her addressed to
him at the Victoria Post Office. Any party knowing
his whereabouts will be suitably rewarded by for-
warding his address to the undersigned.
ELIZA M. HOWE,
Care of Fred. W. Fitch,
Portland, Oregon.
ap6 2m

NOTICE,

ALL PARTIES HAVING CLAIMS
for Salvage on goods recovered from the wreck
of the Barque "S. S. WHITE," are hereby notified to
hand in the same to this office in writing, within
eight days from this date, otherwise they will not
be allowed.
(Signed) A. C. ANDERSON,
Lloyd's Agent.
Office of Lloyd's Agent,
Cor Yates and Langley streets. ap6 1d

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE
existing between Wm. Tucker & Wm. Gibson,
was dissolved on the 28th March by mutual consent.
Wm. Tucker will pay all debts and liabilities and
collect all debts due the concern and continue the
business.
WM. GIBSON,
WM. TUCKER.
Witnesses: JOHN MCCLYMONT, JOHN CROWTHER.
ap6 1m

Bark Nanette.

NOTICE.

MR. JAS. LOWE AND MR. A. F. MAIN
are authorised by me to act in the settlement
of all accounts connected with the wrecked bark Na-
nette. Consignees are respectfully requested to furnish
these gentlemen with any information in the shape
of copies of Invoices, or otherwise tending towards
the identification of the proprietorship of opened
packages that have been sold.
ALEX. C. ANDERSON,
Agent for Lloyds.
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25 1/2 bbls do do
25 chests Black Tea,
10 cases fresh Tomatoes,
10 cases Preserved Limes (in glass)
10 kegs Pearl Barley,
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And a general assortment of

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